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JANE DOE: -- like today, yesterday.

ANDREW CROPSHIRE: It's November 21st, 2018, at 9:54 am Pacific Time. Special Agent Andrew Cropshire with the FBI, Special Agent [PH] Jewel Martini with the FBI, JANE DOE, Harold Malkin and [PH] [REDACTED] are present. And JANE DOE is about to call Michael Peters on her phone.

MICHAEL PETERS: Hello, lady.

JANE DOE: Oh, sorry. Everything moves slower when you're pregnant.

MICHAEL PETERS: What's that?

JANE DOE: Everything moves slower when you have a belly. Sorry about that.

MICHAEL PETERS: Oh, how's it going? How far along are you?

JANE DOE: Four more months to go, so --

MICHAEL PETERS: Okay. How you feeling?

JANE DOE: Generally okay.

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Mostly -- mostly more tired. I sleep, now, 10 hours a night.

MICHAEL PETERS: Yeah, how's [REDACTED] -- how are you -- how's [REDACTED] doing?

JANE DOE: [REDACTED]'s good, other than being pissed off at [REDACTED], but --

MICHAEL PETERS: What happened? Do you even know what happened?

JANE DOE: No, I don't. I came in -- Monday morning, 7:30 am, and that was it. There was JOHN DOE, [REDACTED], and a lawyer, and they let me go, no explanation. No severance, nothing. Just, Bye-bye.

MICHAEL PETERS: Have you had any contact with JOHN DOE since then?

JANE DOE: No, none at all whatsoever. Remember, we're pissed.

MICHAEL PETERS: No, I know you're -- Jesus ch'rist. He's -- he's completely not talking to anybody right now.

JANE DOE: JOHN DOE?

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MICHAEL PETERS: Yeah.

JANE DOE: Okay. Why, because you're trying to call him?

MICHAEL PETERS: Yeah, Steven will -- yeah, yeah, yep. I've been trying to call -- he stopped talking to me right around the same time he let you go.

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JANE DOE: Oh, really?

MICHAEL PETERS: Yeah, I know. So, Steven needs to rewrite -- Steven wants to rewrite his deal. I don't know about what, but -- so, Steven and I have unraveled.

JANE DOE: Yeah, he called again, and I answered, and he was saying, like, he was talking about the acquisition. I was like, There's no acquisition, as far as I know. I mean, maybe there has been one in the last couple months --

MICHAEL PETERS: Yeah, yeah. Yeah.

JANE DOE: Yeah.

MICHAEL PETERS: Yeah. We -- he and I unraveled completely, because I hit a stone wall and I got beat by whoever outmaneuvered me with JOHN DOE that got rid of you and got rid of --

JANE DOE: Oh.

MICHAEL PETERS: So, yep. Yep. So, Steven, that one time, I mean, the other day, he accused me of taking the company and his tokens myself. I'm like, What are you talking about?

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First off, the reality is, even if I -- I wouldn't know what to do with tokens if I had them. So, I don't think he and I are going to be on speaking terms for a while. And JOHN DOE avoiding everything isn't good. So, anyway -- so, I just wanted to see what was going on with you, if you knew of anything that was happening?

JANE DOE: No, I've been ejected out, you know? They hit the Eject button.

MICHAEL PETERS: Yeah, yeah. So, what have you been doing?

JANE DOE: Well, making house ready, looking for more baby products, trying to figure out where to put the baby when it comes.

MICHAEL PETERS: Yeah.

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JANE DOE: My [REDACTED], so it's been a sad part, trying to just keep her -- keep her going. I cook dinner every night --

MICHAEL PETERS: And what are doing for work?

JANE DOE: Huh?

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MICHAEL PETERS: What are you thinking about doing for work?

JANE DOE: Not sure. It's kind of hard to start a job as anything right now when I'm telling them I have four months of work and then I have three months of maternity leave coming up.

MICHAEL PETERS: Right, right.

JANE DOE: It's a tough place. And, then, you know, you're in the holiday season. And people don't typically hire in November, December, January. So, I've been --

MICHAEL PETERS: Yeah. Yeah.

JANE DOE: It's a s****y place where, like, [REDACTED] --

MICHAEL PETERS: Yeah. Yeah, like I said, he stopped talking to me at the exact some time, and everything just unraveled.

JANE DOE: But he wasn't always talking to you. You were talking to him through me. Right? Were you guys talking together directly?

MICHAEL PETERS: Mostly through you and, then, he reached out to me a couple times and we were talking directly.

JANE DOE: Hmm.

MICHAEL PETERS: Yeah. But I had no idea what was happening with you. I had no idea what was happening.

JANE DOE: What'd he reach out to you about, just for my own curiosity?

MICHAEL PETERS: About --

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-- out of your own curiosity? About the acquisition. He was very excite -- he wanted to do it.

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JANE DOE: He reached out to you about the acquisition? When?

MICHAEL PETERS: After the last time we were together in Seattle.

JANE DOE: So, like, end of August?

MICHAEL PETERS: It seems about right. When you asked me to try to get the Ether back from Steven.

JANE DOE: Yeah, yeah. So, like, we met in August. Right?

MICHAEL PETERS: I think so. Yeah. Yeah.

JANE DOE: Huh.

MICHAEL PETERS: Oh. Very crazy. Very, very crazy. But someone outplayed me there. I don't know who. But somebody played me.

JANE DOE: But that's weird, because he was telling me that he didn't want an acquisition.

MICHAEL PETERS: Yeah. I think he played everybody. I think he had a money guy. From what -- I mean, again, I'm doing this with zero information.

JANE DOE: Yeah.

MICHAEL PETERS: You know, doing this with zero -- just guessing. I think he had a money guy coming in and he was trying to --

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-- keep everybody stalled and going along and that's the reason you were let go and that's the reason why he hasn't said, Boo, to me.

JANE DOE: Hmm. So, are you still working for -- but you're still -- you're with the company. If you're not longer BFFs with Steven, then, you're still working for that Knights of Templar consulting thing.

MICHAEL PETERS: I -- yeah, I still do some work for them. I mean, I never left them completely with Steven. I could, you know -- I could -- because I still do a little bit for them now and again.

JANE DOE: You still do the CIA stuff, too?

MICHAEL PETERS: I haven't done anything with that in a long, long time. That was, I mean, I use my contacts to do stuff. You know, I use my contacts and my friends.

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JANE DOE: They probably have projects for -- that you could ask for if you wanted.

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MICHAEL PETERS: I don't know. I'm trying to, first and foremost, salvage my relationship with Steven, even if we don't work together. I don't want him thinking that I tried to screw him.

JANE DOE: Yeah. I don't think you were trying to screw him at all, so --

MICHAEL PETERS: No.

JANE DOE: -- that's weird.

MICHAEL PETERS: No. No. No.

JANE DOE: You can't have your, like, CIA, FBI guys pay Steve a visit and be like, Steve, Mike is cool. Take our word for it.

MICHAEL PETERS: No, it doesn't quite work that way. But, you know.

JANE DOE: No?

MICHAEL PETERS: No. No, not so much --

JANE DOE: Because Steve would be like, Yes, okay.

MICHAEL PETERS: Yeah. No, not so much. Doesn't work that way. Doesn't work that way. I didn't do a lot of upstanding things in my job, in my work, so --

JANE DOE: As CIA? Aren't you supposed to be, like, the good guy --

MICHAEL PETERS: Yeah.

JANE DOE: -- protecting the world, helping the little guy, getting rid of the bad guys.

MICHAEL PETERS: No, not so much. I worked for a guy who -- and I fulfilled his wishes, sometimes good, sometimes bad.

JANE DOE: So, he was, like, a bad CIA guy?

MICHAEL PETERS: No, he was -- no, I mean --

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-- I don't know. I don't know. I wouldn't really say good or bad, but he wasn't in at that point, anymore, anyway. So --

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JANE DOE: Sort of like the movies.

MICHAEL PETERS: A little bit. Little crazy, but -- anyway -- all right. All right. So, I was just curious that you've had no contact with JOHN DOE. Huh?

JANE DOE: No, no. Remember, he didn't even say, Thank you. I was his COO, helped his raise, you know, a s*** f***ing ton of money that he never would have on his own --

MICHAEL PETERS: Yeah. Right.

JANE DOE: -- helped him grow a company, recruit executives that no one wanted to work for him. Everyone's like, What the f*** is wrong with that guy? He looks like he has, you know, Asperger's.

MICHAEL PETERS: Yeah, yeah, Who is this little kid that doesn't say anything, that's actually emailing his wife about [PH] stealing the money from the company.

JANE DOE: So, Steve mentioned that. Like, what are you talking about?

MICHAEL PETERS: Yeah, see, the whole thing from the get-go was a money grab that he was just going to steal the dough.

JANE DOE: [PH] Steal what?

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MICHAEL PETERS: To do what? I think just to run away. I don't think he ever expected [REDACTED] to be a real company. I don't think he expected [REDACTED] to actually -- I think he expected it to raise the money and then do nothing.

JANE DOE: Then why have a COO? I guess that's why he got rid of the COO?

MICHAEL PETERS: Maybe. I mean, that could be part of it. I don't know. I'm flying blind here.

JANE DOE: Where'd you hear that from?

MICHAEL PETERS: Just some -- some people, just some inside stuff.

JANE DOE: What kind of people, like Steve? Or [PH] [REDACTED]? Are you talking to [REDACTED], too?

MICHAEL PETERS: No, not -- [REDACTED] who? [REDACTED] --

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JANE DOE: So -- yeah, when I talked to Steve, like, a -- I don't know -- like, a day or two -- I don't even know what day it is anymore -- he mentioned that he was talking to [REDACTED] next. And I was like, Why are you talking to [REDACTED]?

MICHAEL PETERS: Yeah, no. I had no contact with [REDACTED] at all. Interesting.

JANE DOE: Huh. Okay.

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So, then, at least -- at least with you I'm off the hook and Steve, off the hook, because I'm no longer part of [REDACTED]. Right? Are we all on the same page?

MICHAEL PETERS: Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Absolutely, lady. So --

JANE DOE: Okay.

MICHAEL PETERS: All right.

JANE DOE: Huh.

MICHAEL PETERS: Well enjoy baby soon-dom.

JANE DOE: Yeah.

MICHAEL PETERS: And all that good stuff. Are you having a boy or girl? Do you know yet?

JANE DOE: It's a boy. I'm a momma of boys. Can't you tell? I'm going to raise them to be a strong, honorable, respectable, respectful young men.

MICHAEL PETERS: Good. That means you have to beat them.

JANE DOE: Oh, they're not going -- right now, they're just getting loved.

MICHAEL PETERS: So --

JANE DOE: Yeah.

MICHAEL PETERS: All right. All right. I was just curious. Well --

JANE DOE: Yeah, I'm curious, too. If you hear anything, please let me know, and --

MICHAEL PETERS: I will. Same thing. Same thing. Give me a shout if you hear anything.

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JANE DOE: And say hi to [PH] Marianna. Hope you guys are all okay.

MICHAEL PETERS: Yeah, yeah. Awesome. All right. Thanks. I'll talk to you later.

JANE DOE: Bye.

MICHAEL PETERS: Bye-bye.

ANDREW CROPSHIRE: It is 10:05 am Pacific Time on November 21st, 2018. I'm shutting off this recorder.